

## Coins

# ANA convention will come to order . . . and to sell

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**THE COUNTRY'S** biggest coin show of 1980 — the American Numismatic Association convention — starts Aug. 18 in Cincinnati, and hobby experts predict that at least 11,000 collectors will attend.

Attracting the most attention will be 350 dealers from throughout the nation who will buy and sell rare coins during the six-day extravaganza. The dealer sales area in the Cincinnati Convention Center is nearly as large as a football field.

In addition, thousands of valuable keepsakes will be auctioned off during the show and in a special preconvention sale called "Auction '80" Thursday and Friday.

One of four firms conducting Auction '80 will be the Rare Coin Co. of America, 31 N. Clark St. It will sell 500 treasures, including a United States Assay Office \$50 gold slug minted in 1851 (worth more than \$15,000) and an 1894-S dime in proof or brand new

condition (worth at least \$150,000).

In all, the four firms say Auction '80 should gross at least \$12 million, which would be a world's record for a coin auction.

But collectors don't have to spend money to enjoy the ANA confab. Many unusual coins and bills will be on display as exhibitors compete for prizes in 22 categories. Also, several national numismatic organizations will meet during the week, and rare-coin experts will talk to hobbyists in various seminars.

Although convention visitors will have to register, admission is free to the dealer sales area, to the exhibits, and to almost all meetings held in the Convention Center. Dealer sales hours will be from noon to 7 p.m. Aug 18 through 21, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 22, and from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 23.

Auction '80 will be held in the Carousel Inn, 8001 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, with sessions starting at 12:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday.